

House Resolution No. 241

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who are devoted to enhancing the diverse character of the arts found in local communities and neighborhoods throughout this state; and

Whereas, Robert M. Baird of Springfield, Missouri, has earned distinction as recipient of a 2003 Missouri Arts Award in the category of Leadership in the Arts; and

Whereas, chosen by the Missouri Arts Council for this prestigious honor, Robert Baird will be presented with his Missouri Arts Award on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, by the Governor and First Lady, the Honorable and Mrs. Bob Holden, in the capitol rotunda; and

Whereas, Robert Baird is rightfully touted as a visionary philosopher who has significantly changed the face of the arts community in Springfield through the building of a sustainable arts community which enhances the region; and

Whereas, a longtime board member of the Springfield Regional Arts Council, Robert Baird helped that institution emerge from its original mission as a presenting arts organization to serve as an umbrella structure for the arts by providing leadership, guidance, and technical assistance to different arts associations of the area in addition to sponsoring successful festivals and other arts programs; and

Whereas, Robert Baird also enjoys a stellar reputation for his work and leadership with the Greater Ozarks Arts Initiative and his astute utilization of the leveraging power of the Missouri Cultural Trust Fund's Capital Incentive Program; and

Whereas, under the guidance of Robert Baird, the Springfield Regional Arts Council has had a positive, stabilizing effect on the annual revenue streams of thirty-nine arts organizations in nineteen counties in the Ozarks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the multitudinous accomplishments of Robert Baird and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon his selection for a Missouri Arts Council Missouri Arts Award in the Leadership in the Arts category; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Robert M. Baird of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 241, adopted February 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker